i) benzaldehyde, THF / EtOH, r.t., 24h, ii) NaBH<sub>4</sub>, THF, r.t., 7h, 74% (2 steps total), iii) 1-pyrenealdehyde, THF / MeOH, r.t., 20h, 93%, iv) NaBH<sub>4</sub>, MeOH, r.t., 3h, 92% v) 2,  $K_2CO_3$ , MeCN, reflux, 20h, vi) THF / water, r.t., 3h, 35%

Figure 1

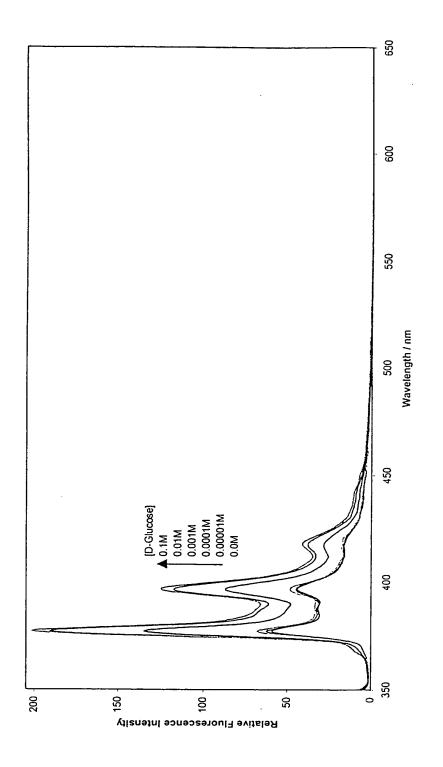


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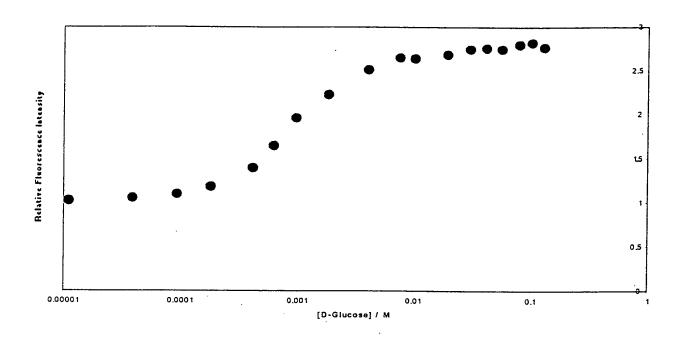


Figure 3